

STATE NEWS.

INTEREST IN N. C. BONDS.—The Public Treasurer has issued, from June in 1866 to the present time, new North Carolina Bonds to the amount of \$2,219,100, in \$1,000, \$500, and \$100 bonds, for the payment of old bonds. These new bonds are as acceptable in the money market in New York as the old bonds. But why should they be, if North Carolina is not a State and her government is an illegal one? New York brokers are at least as keen as the politicians of Congress. The standing of the legal status of a State, which has any responsibility as to any other fact, and a far better test than the opinions of political partisans. —Raleigh Sentinel.

BUYERS AND SELLERS OF N. C. BONDS.—At the suggestion of a friend, we give the following hints to the public, who may be interested in N. C. Bonds:—
"N. C. Bonds" simply means bonds of the State of North Carolina. Bonds of the State of North Carolina, with coupons attached from July 1st 1861. "New bonds" means bonds issued since July 1st 1866, inclusive, i. e. three coupons of \$30 each.
"Bonds ex-coupon" means old bonds, with coupons attached from July 1st, 1866, inclusive, i. e. three coupons.
If either coupon is lacking, it is counted worth \$30, not its market value.
We caution our readers against buying coupon State bonds, which have been registered in the State Treasury, unless those bonds have been properly re-transferred to bearer. Otherwise, they are not negotiable by delivery.
We are informed that, during the war, some State bonds, the property of the late Gen. Branch, of Urias Bancom and perhaps others, were stolen, as alleged, by Federal soldiers, and are now in circulation. All bonds of this class are stopped and are not negotiable on delivery, and the Treasurer has been notified not to register them, the purchasers of them will find themselves deceived.
These bonds on which writing has been erased, should be avoided, unless the Public Treasurer is consulted and pronounced them all right. These suggestions are important, to avoid error and loss. —Raleigh Sentinel.

WILLIAMSTON & TARBORO' RAILROAD.—Gen. G. W. Lewis, having received the appointment of Chief Engineer of this Road, we understand, commence the preliminary survey on Monday. Mr. Lewis has assisted in the railroad from the Cape Fear River, to Salisbury, N. C., who acquired a thorough practical knowledge of his profession, while engaged in similar work on the Western Extension of the North Carolina Railroad.

Under the energetic management of these gentlemen, we may expect the most favorable and speedy results, and we congratulate the friends of the enterprise in having secured the services of gentlemen in every way so well qualified.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF N. C.,
Raleigh, August 3, 1867.

Under the acts of Congress, called Reconstruction acts, popular elections are to be held in this State.

At these elections no person is to be allowed to vote, unless he shall furnish evidence of his right to vote from Registrars appointed in pursuance of said acts.

All male citizens, white and colored, who have resided in this State since previous elections, will be entitled to vote, upon production of the certificate of the Registrars.

It is expected that instructions will be issued, at an early day, from Major General Sickles, who has been appointed by the President to be the United States Marshal for the State of North Carolina, to carry out the provisions of these acts in North and South Carolina, explaining to the Registrars their duties, and giving his construction of the acts as to the persons entitled to register; and those to whom this right is denied; and these instructions will be the duty of the Registrars to obey.

As I understand these acts, no person is to be allowed to register or vote, who, at any time before the war, had held any office under the United States, or any State or Territory, or the general law of the State or for the administration of justice, and "afterwards engaged in insurrection and rebellion against the United States, or gave aid and comfort to the enemies thereof."

I presume, in the execution of these acts, the Registrars will give a construction to these, as well as any other provisions of the acts, touching the right of registration, which may seem to him a sound interpretation of the intent of Congress.

It is to be remembered that the colored voters above 21 years old and who have resided in the State, will be entitled, under these acts, to register, and they will register and vote.

There is no means of making an estimate approximating certainty, as to the number of white voters above the age of 21 years, who will not be allowed to vote.

At the last census—1860—the total white male population was 313,670, and the total male colored population was 191,349; and at the election of Governor in 1860, 112,866 white males voted.

The effect of this legislation, by the conquering power of the nation, makes the negro in the extended States, as to civil and political rights, the equal of the most favored class of the whites, and the political superior of the negroes, who held office in the State before the war.

Whatever may be the final settlement of the questions as to the political equality of the two races, or the superiority of the one over the other, it is certain that for a long time to come, unless humanity is to be shocked by the expulsion or annihilation of one race or the other, this State is to be inhabited by both races; and it is the manifest interest of both races to live together in peace and friendship, each acting kindly towards the other. Every good man, who is a wise statesman, will endeavor to do this.

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THE MILITARY COMMISSION.

United States vs. Tolar, Powers and Watkins.
From the Raleigh Sentinel.

THURSDAY MORNING, August 1.
James Kendrick, sworn: Was at Market the day of Archy Bebee's trial and tried to go up and hear it but was prevented. Stayed down below. Saw Tolar, Tom Powers, "Monk" and John Maltby there, while Bebee was up stairs. There was considerable excitement in the crowd below. Miss Massie and mother came down stairs first, accompanied by Mr. Bond. He and Powers went with them to the carriage that was waiting on the outside for them. When Bebee was coming down, all fell down together. The crowd kept pushing on Bebee. When he rose up, Capt. Tolar came up and laid his left hand on my shoulder and drew a pistol, which he placed in six inches of Bebee's head, and fired it and killed him. Tolar then adjusted his shirt and walked off. Saw Phillips say to me, "There was a pistol in his hand, but there was only one pistol fired that day, and Tolar fired that. Phillips spoke to me soon after. Some one in the crowd cried out, 'anybody that knows too much about this will fare likewise,' or something to that effect. John Hollingsworth was there armed.

Cross Examined: About forty or fifty there at first, but crowd kept increasing. Nothing attracted my attention before the prisoner, Bebee, came down. Phillips said to me, "Monk" and Tolar before Bebee came down. When the prisoner was brought down a remark was made, "I demand the prisoner." Saw Monk afterwards try to hit him. Saw Bebee, Faircloth and Weiss all fall down together. I rushed forward and saw three steps off from me to put my hands on Bebee. When Bebee rose up somebody had both hands in his comfort, which was about his neck. There was no one between me and the man who fired the pistol. I swear that man was Capt. Tolar. His hand slipped and he made a motion to reach it.

Calvin Hunter was right near me. I did not see John Armstrong there. Did not hear any one make a remark to Capt. Tolar when he was shot.

Re-Direct: He was not between me and Bebee when he shot, except Mr. Faircloth, who was down on his knees. Can't say for certain which way the carriage drove off with Miss Massie and mother.

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Court adjourned to Monday, 11 o'clock, A. M.

MONDAY MORNING, Aug. 5, 1867.
James McNeill, negro sworn: Live in Fayetteville; was there when Bebee was killed. I am a Cabinet Maker. Bebee was also called Archy Warden; he was killed one Monday. Was not at the market house when he was killed, but was there before and after; was standing at the East end of the market house. Went after the carriage from the guard house; there was a very large crowd gathered about there. I saw Captain Tolar, Tom Powers and "Monk" Julia there; saw Miss Massie come down stairs and get into the carriage; was about fifteen feet from the carriage when they got in. Mr. Tolar spoke to me then, after he caught hold of my right shoulder and pushed me a little aside. Can't say whether Sam Phillips had on a pistol that day or not.

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ber when Bebee was killed; 'twas on Monday afternoon some three months ago. I look in the neighborhood of the market house and was about there all day. Saw Bebee carried to the market house; heard some one say that no one should go up stairs, except the witnesses, which prevented me from going up.

I saw "Monk" Julia walking up and down on the east side of the market house, cutting a stick; saw Tolar there, also John Hollingsworth; nothing attracted my attention before the ladies came down; saw them get in the carriage and it drove off; saw Bebee come down stairs. Heard some one say "I demand the prisoner," saw Monk try to hit Bebee with a knife.

Bebee started to the guard house. Soon after he got out of the market house he and the officer that had hold of him, all fell down together. The crowd kept pushing on Bebee. When he rose up, Capt. Tolar came up and laid his left hand on my shoulder and drew a pistol, which he placed in six inches of Bebee's head, and fired it and killed him. Tolar then adjusted his shirt and walked off. Saw Phillips say to me, "There was a pistol in his hand, but there was only one pistol fired that day, and Tolar fired that. Phillips spoke to me soon after. Some one in the crowd cried out, 'anybody that knows too much about this will fare likewise,' or something to that effect. John Hollingsworth was there armed.

Cross Examined: About forty or fifty there at first, but crowd kept increasing. Nothing attracted my attention before the prisoner, Bebee, came down. Phillips said to me, "Monk" and Tolar before Bebee came down. When the prisoner was brought down a remark was made, "I demand the prisoner." Saw Monk afterwards try to hit him. Saw Bebee, Faircloth and Weiss all fall down together. I rushed forward and saw three steps off from me to put my hands on Bebee. When Bebee rose up somebody had both hands in his comfort, which was about his neck. There was no one between me and the man who fired the pistol. I swear that man was Capt. Tolar. His hand slipped and he made a motion to reach it.

Calvin Hunter was right near me. I did not see John Armstrong there. Did not hear any one make a remark to Capt. Tolar when he was shot.

Re-Direct: He was not between me and Bebee when he shot, except Mr. Faircloth, who was down on his knees. Can't say for certain which way the carriage drove off with Miss Massie and mother.

Re-Direct: I was standing near enough to touch the prisoner when he came down. I saw him go up to the carriage and saw him get into it. Tolar spoke to me then, after he caught hold of my right shoulder and pushed me a little aside. Can't say whether Sam Phillips had on a pistol that day or not.

Court adjourned to Monday, 11 o'clock, A. M.